



1 May 2005



**Special Appreciation of
DODDS - Europe Personnel
1 through 7 May 2005**

1. The week of 1 through 7 May 2005 is National Teacher Appreciation Week. This observance gives us the opportunity to honor the many outstanding educators who are selflessly supporting our families and whose work deserves special appreciation.
2. Leaders at all levels in the Army in Europe recognize the commitment of DODDS personnel. During these times of turmoil and high OPTEMPO, these dedicated individuals have ensured that our schools continue to provide much-needed stability in our communities. Time and again, commanders, community leaders, and especially our families have turned to them for support.
3. DODDS continues to contribute to the quality of life of our Soldiers, civilians, and family members through its flexibility and creative resourcing in times of limited funding. Over the past year, USAREUR challenged DODDS with several extraordinary requests. These requests led DODDS to change the dates of spring break, establish a summer school program, and authorize leave for DODDS personnel to participate in rest and recuperation (R&R) and block leave activities, which was contrary to DODDS personnel policy. In addition, DODDS went that extra mile to meet the varied needs of our families and students, and was directly involved in special programs that focused on the children of deployed Soldiers.
4. During Teacher Appreciation Week, I ask leaders and parents to join me in showing appreciation for those who are preparing our children for the future:
 - **Leaders:** Take time to recognize schools and teachers as a critical link in the support network. Pay special attention to faculty members who have a deployed loved one.
 - **Parents:** Visit your children's school and thank the teachers for what they do for you and your children.
5. USAREUR salutes all DODDS personnel for the service they provide to our next generation of leaders and for their untiring and continuous support of the USAREUR Team. With their support, we can continue to execute with excellence Any Mission, Anywhere.

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